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PRAHRAN PLAYERS IN TRAINING



—Photo by "Argus"

STAN HUMPHREY, ERNIE LEE and VINCE CARTER enjoy a training run at Como Park

(The Prahran Club is featured in this issue).

SECRETARY'S NOTES

Mr. F. Pratt has resigned and the new secretary is Mr. R. Carlson, 180 O'heas Street, Coburg, N.13.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTERS

Directions to Ground: Train to Geelong. Take North Geelong tram and alight at Victoria Road. Cross railway line and ground is on left-hand side. The secretary is Mr. J. Taylor, 17 Rugby Street, Belmont.

THIRD DIVISION

Olympic.—Clubs and referees please note that the Olympic ground has been altered. Both First and Reserve teams will now play at Princes Park, at the corner of Sydney Road and College Crescent. Directions: Take tram from Elizabeth Street to College Crescent.

THIRD DIVISION RESERVES

Due to ground difficulties, Olympic Reserves will take over Victoria Police Reserves fixtures as from April 8. Clubs drawn to play Olympic in the original fixtures will therefore have blank Saturdays on the dates arranged. Club secretaries will therefore delete Olympic Reserves from the fixture list and will substitute Olympic Reserves for Victorian Police Reserves. The Olympic Reserves ground is at Princes Park at the corner of Sydney Road and College Crescent.

LEAGUE RULES

Rule 13 states: "In all competition matches the captains of the teams shall hand to the referees, and to the opposing captain, a list of the players of their respective elevens, before the commencement of the game."

Two team sheets will therefore be made out by the secretary of each club and it is suggested that carbon paper be used, thus eliminating extra writing.

Save our Native Fauna No. 5



Two mammals alone in the world lay eggs, thus providing the scientist's "missing link" with the lower animals. Both are Australian: the Platypus is one, and the other is the Echidna (*Tachyglossus aculeatus*) which wanders in the open forest in search of ants and termites. It is protected by a coat of prickles superficially like those of the Porcupine to which, however, it is not related. A full grown specimen may weigh four or five pounds; but its mouth is less than half an inch wide, and toothless. It has to catch insects almost constantly with its long sticky tongue to survive. It has stout claws for breaking open ant nests.

KNOW YOUR CLUBS — 2 PRAHRAN

Back in 1908 the Prahran Club was formed. Forty-two years of age makes it the oldest club in Melbourne today by a very long shot. For 11 years the club played in Fawkner Park, then in Middle Park, back to Fawkner Park until 1929 when they moved to Como Park, where they can still be seen today, on the finest soccer ground in Victoria.

Prominent on the committee are old-timers, Ted Stockman, Ted Pountney (treasurer), and Jack Johnson, all of whom are life members, having been with Prahran since 1923. But longest of all has been that grand old sportsman, Wally Tunn, perhaps the best known figure in Soccer today as for as Victoria is concerned. Wally joined Prahran in 1912! and has been secretary ever since. Surely this must be a record. Prahran have twice won the "Dockerty Cup," and have won the First Division so many times that they have lost count.

Fifth last year in the First Division, Prahran this year is well ahead with training, determined to regain their lost leadership of the League, which they dominated for so long.

Playing once again this year is Ron Taylor, now in his 15th years as a Junior and Senior with the club—veteran inside-left of representative games for Australia versus China and Victoria against Palestine and South Africa. With him once more will be Stan Humphrey—10 years with Prahran and a Victorian representative against South Africa also.

From Watford, England, came Vince Carter (inside-right) in the middle of last season, together with his crony, Derek Toms (right-half). Carter signed for famous London First Division club, Chelsea, and played several games with their reserve side before sailing for Australia. Toms graduated from Watford League Football to British Army Standard, playing against such famous First League clubs as Everton, etc.

Newcomer to the side is Anthony Halfhyde (inside-forward), from the Muslim-Star team in Calcutta, India. Dark horses of the side is Dutchman, Zeelan, the club's new centre-half, newly arrived from Scotland and recently signed by Prahran. Harry Ashworth, one-time Victorian goal-keeper against South Africa, has joined Prahran this season, and is expected to be seen between the sticks. Last season Ashworth played with South Melbourne United as centre-forward, but wise heads at Prahran are hardly likely to waste such solid goal-kicking material in the forward line. During the war years Prahran had things their own way in League Soccer, but in recent years they have declined slightly. Indications are that this year they are due for a comeback.

Next Week — PRESTON SOCCER CLUB

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CLUB JOTTINGS

MORELAND

We have kicked off at Moreland with all last season's players in training except Joe Kennedy, who is working at Yallourn. We would also like to congratulate Joe on his selection in the Australian team to tour South Africa.

A promising batch of recruits have been welcomed to our ranks, and a good attendance at training has been registered despite the tram strike. One of our new recruits, namely, Bill Carson, of whom we had hoped great things, has had a bad motor cycle accident and will not be available this season. We wish Bill a complete and speedy recovery.

The opening highlight of the season was Harry Hopman's acceptance of Patron to our Club, and his donation for a trophy to the best and fairest player for the season.

Our training went off to a good start with two matches played. One, a social game and the other, a charity match. The social game was played against a team from the Dutch merchant ship, "S.S. Almkerk." The M.N. boys topped off a grand game by supplying soft drinks for everybody, and a great afternoon was enjoyed by all. The charity match was played against Preston, to aid the Broadford Accident Victims Fund. Unfortunately, the weather was not the type to draw spectators, but the Preston boys co-operated and a reasonable donation was forwarded to the fund. Thanks a lot, Preston.

Moreland's social affairs are well in hand. A trip to Adelaide is enthusiastically contemplated, and regular dances will soon be running.

We take this opportunity of wishing all clubs every success in the coming season.

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SUNSHINE UNITED SOCCER CLUB—First Division

With the nucleus of last season's team still available and the addition of a number of new Australians, Sunshine are confident of an improvement on last season's performance. The lessons learned will be an asset to the club, as the standard of soccer is rapidly improving, and to keep abreast with this standard every aspect of the game has to be taken into consideration. Quite a number of new faces are on the management committee and it is pleasing to see the supporters taking a keen interest in the club's activities. Quite a variety of talent has been seen in the trial games held during the last months, with representatives of many nationalities in attendance. However, unfortunately, all cannot make the grade and in addition quite a number of the local juniors are proving their worth and will be displacing the "regulars" before very long.

With the type of players available the Reserve team will be little below the First team, and this is making the selectors' job an unenviable one.

In the Junior section of the club, last year's Under 17 team has entered in the Under 19 competition and should give a good account of themselves. The manager (Mr. Young) has the boys in hand again and they are gaining experience with the years. As these boys are regarded as the future First team players, every encouragement must be given to them to ensure that the game will continue to hold its present popularity.

The Under 16 and 14 teams, of course, are the keenest players in the club and if some of the elder players could follow their example there wouldn't be room to train on training nights. Mr. Johnny Martin is in charge of the Schoolboys this season, and as Johnny is one of the club's hardest workers, the boys will certainly be in good hands.

The pre-season activities have been very successful, and it is hoped that Sunshine will live up to the first-class standard of soccer, and that players and supporters alike will have an enjoyable season. We mention supporters, because soccer in Victoria is an amateur game and the players are in the game because of the pleasure they get out of playing, and we hope that our supporters will get the same pleasure out of being onlookers.

WOODLANDS SOCCER CLUB

This season Woodlands looks forward with renewed confidence to a successful year both on and off the field. The recruiting campaign carried out by members during the off season has yielded good dividends and the crop of new talent so gained will infuse an even greater determination into both teams, to do well on the field. In the first year of our existence as a club, it was, at times, all we could do to field at all; however, in the following season we found the going much easier and often we had one or two excess players. Last year the club founded a second team, which, unfortunately, was quite often unable to meet its commitments. This year, with the second team reorganised as a reserve, and the influx of new members, Woodlands, for the first time, will be able to operate as a properly organised soccer club. We are therefore full of confidence and expect to be very near, if not at the top of the ladder at the end of the season.

The club wishes to extend a very hearty welcome to all the new members, and wishes them all the very best of luck during the season. The club is also very glad to welcome back to its ranks Harry Budge, who was one of the stalwarts of the club a couple of years ago. Harry was and still will be one of our best forwards and the instigator of many scoring movements. With Bill Sherrig and Barry Plant as captain and coach respectively, and the competitive stimulus of the reserve team, all the players will have to be on their toes to justify their position in the teams. By the way, if any more O'Briens join the team the rest of us may as well chuck it as the team is rapidly becoming a family affair.

SANDRINGHAM CITY v. BRIGHTON

By "OBSERVER"

The opening of this local derby between last year's undefeated Championship winners was preceded by the Mayor of Sandringham unfurling the pennant won by the City club and he was then introduced to the teams.

White won the toss for Sandringham who, playing with the wind and slope, went straight into attack. Most of these broke down near goal, however, due to play being kept too close. A hard ground and lively ball made play rather difficult, but it was always full of interest. Sandringham continued to attack, but Sinclair dealt confidently with the shots that came his way. Brighton made spasmodic raids, mostly down the left wing, but did not seriously threaten the Sandringham goal. They did get the ball in the net, but the referee was on the spot to see that this was pushed in by a forward's hand. Half-time arrived with Sandringham pressing strongly.

On the resumption, Brighton, with the wind advantage, pressed for awhile, but Davies was safe in the City goal. Sandringham were now playing good open football and after 10 minutes Bambri put Wilson away on the right wing and the winger centred accurately for Parvin (who had been moved to centre-forward) to open the scoring. Five minutes later, this move was repeated and Lomax put Sandringham two up. Brighton were now making strong efforts to save the game, Jack going up to join the attack, but they were given little scope by a hard tackling defence. Sandringham were still dangerous, however, and Wilson again swept down the right wing and a high cross was met by Finney, who had moved in from the left, to net the third goal.

With Sandringham now concentrating on defence, Brighton made strenuous efforts to reduce arrears and netted their only goal. Although Brighton forced several corners, they were unable to penetrate the defence again, and the game ended with Sandringham worthy winners. It was a hard clean game and Brighton fought hard to the final whistle. Final:—Sandringham City 3; Brighton, 1.

FOOTSCRAY CITY v. SOUTH YARRA

Right from the start South Yarra attacked with great vim, good play by both wings resulting in the City's goal having several narrow escapes. Much mis-kicking on both sides was due to the bad state of the ground and the greasy ball.

A good move by Yarra's left-wing found Tainsh giving a perfect pass to Stoddard, who just missed the home goal upright with a terrific first time shot. Footscray broke away but were repelled by Yarra's defence. However, another attack by the home side resulted in Footscray scoring the first goal of the match, Orr, Yarra's goalie, having no chance to stop the ball.

Back to the attack came South Yarra. A fine forward movement resulted in Murdoch pushing the ball over to Sharman, who levelled the scores. Half-time scores:—1—1.

After half-time play was fairly even for a while; then the City began to press Yarra hard, resulting in the home side being awarded a penalty for hands. Footscray were lucky to score with this. Kerr shot the ball straight at Orr, who saved it, but the greasy ball spun out of his hands just over the line. This success spurred on the City and, attacking again, Valentine notched their third goal. Nothing daunted, South Yarra began to press Footscray hard and the City's supporters had some anxious moments when shot after shot came from the Yarra, but the fine play of Footscray's goalie repelled attack after attack. However, eight minutes before time, Stoddard reduced the lead with a well-directed header into the corner of the net. The game finished with Yarra still attacking strongly. Final scores:—Footscray City, 3; South Yarra, 2.

[Note.—We regret that, owing to space limitations, we are unable to publish the description of the South Yarra-Footscray City Reserves game.—Ed.]

COBURG

Coburg soccer club started its first league match today, April 1, and got away with a flying start. The club fielded three teams, namely Schoolboys Under 14, Juniors Under 19, and Seniors. All three teams won their respective games. This made it a red-letter day for the Coburg club.

The Schoolboys, playing Highett at home, won by 9 goals to 1; and what a magnificent performance, considering it was their first game of the season. The ground was very heavy after the recent rains, but the boys seemed to revel in the mud. Best players and goal scorers were Allen McCarthy (3 goals,) G. Evans (3), D. Adams (2), P. Murray (1). J. Huckville was best and fairest on the day. The Juniors Under 19 (mostly last year's players) seem to be quite at home all playing together again. They met South Melbourne, last year's premiers, and had a 2 to 1 victory. Best players were J. Hartley, White, Hambridge, Patrik.

The Seniors met Woodlands and a good game was witnessed, Coburg being the winners by 4 goals to 2 goals. This score did not indicate the keenness of the game, as Coburg was well pressed for the first half; but in the second half Coburg rallied and put the game beyond doubt. A splendid performance of goal-keeping was also witnessed. Coburg has just signed on a new arrival from the Cumberland Road camp and this lad is the goods. Best players: Seniors, J. Cunga, K. Lyons and Micky Tormey.

FOOTSCRAY CITY

Footscray City got off to a good start for the season by beating South Yarra, 3-2. The first half was not very exciting until Phelan scored for City and Yarra got the equalizer. The second half began at a cracking pace, both teams playing good football and making lightning raids on each other's goal. From an infringement in the Yarra area, City were awarded a penalty, which Kerr converted. City went further ahead when Ballantyne beat the goal-keeper pointlessly with a right-foot drive. South Yarra then really put the pressure on, and from a crashing shot from Yarra's outside-right, Kiss, City's goal-keeper made a brilliant save, diving right across the goal-mouth. He made another five minutes later but Stoddard, rushing in headed beautifully into the net to make the score 3-2, which stood until full-time. Stoddard was well held by Greig. Best players for City were Kerr, Kiss, Laverty, and Ballantyne.

Reserves scores were: South Yarra, 2; Footscray City, 1.

ROYAL CALEDONIANS

Royal Caledonians played against Geelong Celtic. Scores were: Geelong Celtic, 3 goals; Royal Caledonians, 2 goals. It was a very even game; a draw would have been a fair result. Celtic's inside-left (McGarry) reminded more than one of us older Scots of Patsy Gallagher, who used to play for Glasgow Celtic—very similar in appearance, and allowing for the different class of football, pretty tricky in his own sphere. Both goalies did well, and Wandmaker, of the Royals, made some splendid saves. All players were keen and played the game very cleanly, but I think it was a case of "bellows to mend" with some at the finish. More training needed, lads. However, for the first game, quite a creditable performance was put up and the standard was very high.

BRIGHTON SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB

His Worship the Mayor of Brighton (Cr. D. F. F. Granter) will unfurl the 1949 Premiership Pennant, won by Brighton at the Brighton versus Box Hill game on Monday, April 10 (Easter Monday). It is a coincidence that last season Brighton was Box Hill's opponents when that club unfurled their Pennant won in season 1948.

Unattached soccerites should keep this date in mind. The game will be played on the main oval, which is one of the best soccer grounds in the metropolitan area. An excellent game is anticipated. Membership to this progressive club is invited; players in all age groups are still required. Contact Hon. Secretary W. R. Jones, 16 Well Street, Brighton, S.5.

BENTLEIGH

Bentleigh played the Police at Yarra Park, where we had the first defeat of the season. But we were not disgraced; it was a really good game, despite the score, and rest assured, our team is more keen than ever. To the ladies who came to support us, we tender our thanks. They were really on their toes all the time,

and by the yells of delight when we very nearly scored a goal, it showed keen judgment. Ours was the more youthful side and, indeed, not so heavy. We shall improve. Supporters, for all away matches around Melbourne our buses leave Bentleigh Post Office every Saturday at 2 p.m. sharp.

JUVENTUS v. WESTERN SUBURBS

(Played at Royal Park)

In what proved to be a very interesting, even match between Juventus and Western Suburbs, the former emerged the winners by 3—1. The first goal came after 20 minutes' play when Johansen, Suburbs centre-forward, scored. Juventus answered almost immediately with their first goal. Second goal came to Juventus after 28 minutes. Martini and Niewalda scored goals for the home side.

The second half was high-lighted by a beautiful goal from the boundary line by Juventus right-wing, Mucinigo. Manzi was judged the best player on the

SANDRINGHAM CITY—2nd Division Pennant Unfurled

Before a large crowd at Hampton the Mayor of Sandringham (Councillor R. J. Sillitoe) unfurled the Pennant won by Sandringham City last season. Among those present were the Hon Dawnay-Mould, M.L.A.; Secretary V.S.A., Mr. S. Beaton; treasurer, Mr. A. Kerr; Mr. V. J. M. Dixon, editor "Soccer News," and Mr. R. Stenis, member soccer council.

The Mayor in his speech stated that he thought that it must be a unique performance to unfurl a pennant in the presence of two Premiership teams of respective divisions. The President's wife (Mrs. Cleworth) then presented a bouquet of flowers to the Lady Mayoress.

In what was a thrilling game, the City avenged their only defeat of last season and outstayed Brighton to win rather comfortably by 3 goals to 1.

The reserve team, ably led by G. Nicholl, also ran out easy winners, making a great debut by the City into the First Division.

The Junior side of the club got away to a good start, although only one team (Under 19) won; but still there is plenty of time for the Under 14 and Under 16 to improve.

The club was very sorry to lose the services of Les Bingham for season 1950. Les, while playing in the final practice game, met with an accident and fractured his ribs and will be in bed for three or four weeks. The club is doing everything in its power to assist, as Les, as well as being a good player, is a grand club man.

In the evening after our grand win, we held a Smoko, and quite an enjoyable evening was the result. A great welcome was extended to the Brighton players and officials who came along; it was very pleasing to see the friendship that exists between Sandringham City and Brighton.

Among the guests were Mr. W. R. Thomas, V.S.A. councillor; Mr. V. J. M. Dixon, councillor V.S.A., and Mr. S. Beaton, popular V.S.A. secretary, who responded to the toast on behalf of all visitors.

To all visiting teams, our ground is reached by train to Hampton, thence red bus to soccer ground.

SPECTACULAR FOOTBALL AT PRESTON

Preston began the season impressively with a 9—2 victory over Yarraville. Once again Preston showed superior stamina, and in the last 15 minutes, completely outpaced their opponents. Preston lined up as follows:—Welsford, Morahan, Smith; Rackham, Buff, Buckley; Bracewell, Leece, Wilson, Finnerty, Cromptoetts.

In the first half play was even, with Preston having rather more opportunities for scoring. At half-time Preston led, 3—1. When play resumed, Cromptoetts dashed in from the wing to convert a pass from Wilson. Yarraville fought back gamely to reduce the arrears. With half an hour to go, Preston turned on the pressure. Spectators were treated to some good positional play, with the left-wing functioning very smoothly. Buff showed that he can play the attacking centre-

half as well as the third-back game, whilst Wilson and Leece demonstrated that two centre-forwards are better than one. Preston's goals were scored by Wilson (3), Leece (3), Crompvoetts (2), and Finnerty.

SUNSHINE UNITED v. PARK RANGERS (2—1)

The home team, Sunshine, won this match by virtue of a fine second-half recovery. In the first half the Rangers halves kept a firm hand on the opposing players, so that the forwards kept the home defence very busy. Towards the interval Sunshine improved and eventually equalised. Hunter, in goal, played a great game for Sunshine.

In the second half, the home half-backs, vigorously led by Drennan, came into their own and enabled the forwards to be much more in the picture than previously. Towards the end, the Rangers tired, while Sunshine played on and thoroughly deserved their victory. Goal-kickers for Sunshine, Kyle and Bird; Rangers, Nelson.

Park Ranger Reserves were good value for their 5—1 win over Sandringham, the consensus of opinion being that the Rangers Reserves played grand football. Of the other teams, only the Under 14's gained the points by a narrow win, over Metters. Congratulations, boys, for your first win for some time, and especially to young Sykes, who scored the all-important goal. P.S.: When will the draw favor Park Rangers with a home game for the first match of the season?

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TOO LATE!

Many Club Jottings were received too late for this issue of the "News." Items of current interest from these jottings will be included in next issue.—Editor. ...



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JUNIOR SECTION

NORTHCOTE UNDER 16 SOCCER CLUB

The 1950 season will shortly be upon us, and the N.S.C. can look forward to its arrival with eagerness and optimism. Most of last year's players are back again, together with some very promising recruits. R. Bowman is this year's captain and we have coaching us Mr. A. Scott, who plays left-half 1st Division for Brighton. We are deeply indebted to Mr. Scott for the trouble he is taking, particularly as he also coaches Brighton. Under his tuition we are improving rapidly and we expect to be a match for any challenger. Northcote Forever!

Western Suburbs have withdrawn from "B" Section Under 19 Division. New team, Yarraville, has entered this Division and will take over all Western Suburbs fixtures. The games listed in "A" Section Under 19 Division for King's Birthday (April 10) have been cancelled. This round of games is to be played on July 1. All other games in the various other divisions stand as per fixture lists. Change of address of club secretaries are:—Yallourn (new secretary) Mr. F. W. Daddo, 10 Green Street, Yallourn. Coburg (new secretary), Mr. R. Carlsen, 198 O'Hea St., Coburg, N.13.

Army Apprentices have another Under 18 team, not in the competition. They are desirous of friendly games at their ground at Mornington on Saturdays, April 15 and 29; May 6, 13 and 27, and June 10.

Army Apprentices' ground for both teams is at "Redwood," Wilson Road, Mornington. Train to Frankston, thence bus. Their ground at Balcombe is not ready for use, so all league matches will be at their new Mornington ground.

JACK OLSEN,

Sec. Junior Association.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

By "THE WANDERER"

Today in Victoria there exists as never before, a great opportunity for junior players to master the finer arts of the game and to place this State and Australia high up in the soccer world before the Olympics are held here in 1956.

Due to the present flow of migrants from England, practically every club in Victoria today possesses at least one experienced player of proved ability. Most coaches of clubs today (in many cases these are player-coaches), are very keen to pass on their knowledge to junior players. These lads are advised to follow their coaches' advice very closely, and they will find that with practice and experience all the finer arts of the game, such as ball control, dribbling, body swerve, head-work, tackling, accurate passing, position play, etc., can be mastered. They should watch their senior teams in action as often as possible and study the play of the stars of today and aim to develop their games on the same lines.

Angus Drennan, of Sunshine, and Jackie Wilson, of Park Rangers, both of whom have represented Victoria and Australia, and Bertie Grix, of Moreland, State player, are shining examples of local lads making good. More recently, there is Arthur Scott, of Brighton, who, on promotion from the Juniors to Brighton's senior team, under Tom Jack, was one of their key men in the great success enjoyed by that club last year. Coming to the present season, we have Ken Farrow of Sandringham City, who last season was playing Under 19 football. He has gone straight into the senior team, and under the guidance of Ralph White, captain-coach of Sandringham, he is already predicted to reach the top of the tree.

What these players have done can be emulated by many more of today's juniors. So go to it, lads, and make your aim the Olympic Soccer Championship for Australia in 1956.

LEARN FROM VICTORIA'S STARS

2—Wing Half Play

By Angus Drennan

It was with pleasure that I accepted an invitation from "Soccer News" to write an article on the duties of a Wing-Half, and the following lines are my observations of that particular position.

For purposes of clarity I have divided them into three equal sections:

1. **Fitness.** 2. **Ball Control.** 3. **Teamwork and Tactics.**

1. **Fitness.**—The position of wing-half calls for a high degree of fitness and it is important that you should realise this. Exercise, rest and diet are the answers to this problem, one being indispensable to the other; for example, training three and four nights a week is useless without having sufficient rest or visa-versa. I have found that a player gets sufficient exercise practicing with the ball without a great deal of gymnastics.

Remember, also, juniors, that the most successful footballers are those who are temperate in their habits, namely smoking and drinking.

2. **Ball Control.**—This section of the game cannot be over-emphasized and your success as a wing-half will hinge largely on it. Practice with the ball as much as possible because only then can you improve your play. There are several good coaching manuals published with the British Football Association's sanction that illustrate far better than I: Dribbling, Trapping, Kicking and Tackling. The main thing, however, is to get on to that ground and practice. On training nights do not join those fellows who spend all their time blazing away at the goal; if your training is not organised (and it often isn't), develop a routine and stick to it, and that routine must include the above methods of controlling the ball in large doses.

3. **Teamwork and Tactics.**—At present the third-back system of play is in operation and in it the wing-half is called on to cover the opposing inside-forward, i.e., left-half covers the inside-right. It is essential to the success of this system that you cover your opponent at all times, when the opposition has the play, regardless of what position the inside-forward takes up. Naturally, when your team is in possession of the ball, he will be responsible to his team for your movements and will try to prevent you from working into an open space to receive a pass; never be caught waiting for the ball to arrive. When passing to a team-mate endeavor to give it to him in an open space; do your bit to create this by drawing one, if possible two, opponents to you before passing the ball. The best method of delivery is along the ground, it being faster and more accurate than through the air, and easier for the receiver to control, although circumstances sometimes decides this. I believe that the throw-in should not be taken solely by the half, but by whoever is the closest to the infringement; this speeds up play and saves energy, as often the wing-half is thirty to forty yards from the point where the ball went over the line.

In heading, endeavor to put it direct to your team-mate's feet; unless forced to, it is bad football to head a ball upwards.

The best method of stopping your opponent is to intercept the pass meant for him, but often this is impossible and you have to tackle him after he has the ball under control. Make him come to you by standing directly in his path and allow him to make first move; you will find then that it is much easier to control his move than to anticipate his actions and rush in recklessly. When you are beaten after tackling (and you will most certainly be, sometimes), don't give up, but recover and tackle again. In this way the opposition will not be able to exploit the loose man as is often the case.

Although there are other phases of the game that perhaps I haven't mentioned, I consider the above information a general summing-up of the wing-half position, and that if you become proficient from it, you will not be disgraced against our best players in Victoria.

[Angus Drennan, of Sunshine United, is regarded by Victorian soccer authorities as one of the best locally born and trained wing-halves in Victoria. He represented Australia against New Zealand in the Dominion three years ago and last year played for Australia and Victoria against the Jugo-Slavs at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. We can recommend his article to all aspiring junior wing-halves. — Editor.]

LEAGUE TABLES AS AT APRIL 1, 1950

First Division—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			P.
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Prahran	1	1	0	0	5	0	2	
Sand'ham	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	
Sunshine	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	
F'scray City	1	1	0	0	3	2	2	
South Yarra	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	
Park Rangers	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	
Brighton	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	
Moreland	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	
Hakoah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Box Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Second Division—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			P.
					F.	A.	P.	
Yallourn	1	1	0	0	11	0	2	
Sth. Melb.	1	1	0	0	5	1	2	
Preston	1	1	0	0	9	2	2	
Juventus	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	
George Cross	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	
Ringwood	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	
West Subs.	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	
Yarraville	1	0	0	1	2	9	0	
University	1	0	0	1	1	5	0	
Heidelberg	1	0	0	1	0	11	0	

Third Division (South)—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			P.
					F.	A.	P.	
J U S T	1	1	0	0	16	0	2	
The Police	1	1	0	0	7	0	2	
Moorabbin	1	1	0	0	6	0	2	
Naval Depot	1	1	0	0	5	0	2	
Olympic	1	1	0	0	4	3	2	
Brighton	1	0	0	1	3	4	0	
Box Hill	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			P.
					F.	A.	P.	
Park Rangers	1	0	0	1	0	6	0	
Bentleigh	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	
Macedonians	1	0	0	1	0	16	0	

Third Division (North) and

Third Division Reserves—

Insufficient results phoned, therefore
League Tables cannot be published.

First Division Reserves

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			P.
					F.	A.	P.	
Prahran	1	1	0	0	6	1	2	
Park Rangers	1	1	0	0	5	1	2	
Sandringham	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	
South Yarra	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	
F'scray City	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	
Brighton	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	
S'shine United	1	0	0	1	1	5	0	
Moreland	1	0	0	1	1	6	0	
Box Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hakoah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Second Division Reserves—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			P.
					F.	A.	P.	
Yallourn	1	1	0	0	13	2	2	
West Subs.	1	1	0	0	8	2	2	
University	1	0	0	1	4	0	2	
Juventus	1	0	0	1	2	8	0	
Heidelberg	1	0	0	1	2	13	0	
South Melb.	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	
Yarraville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Preston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Ringwood—Results not telephoned.

George Cross—Result not telephoned.

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Under 19 Div. "A" Section—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			P.
					F.	A.	P.	
Sand'ham City	1	1	0	0	6	0	2	
South Yarra	1	1	0	0	5	2	2	
S'shine United	1	0	0	1	2	5	0	
Park Rangers	1	0	0	1	0	6	0	
Army Apprentices								
Brighton								
Box Hill								
Hakoah								

Under 19 Div. "B" Section—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			P.
					F.	A.	P.	
Preston	1	1	0	0	4	0	2	
Ringwood	1	1	0	0	3	2	2	
Coburg	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	
Juventus	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	
Yallourn	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	
S. Melb. Utd.	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	
Metters	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	
Moorabbin	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	
Yarraville	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Northcote	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	

Under 16 Division—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			P.
					F.	A.	P.	
S. Melb. Utd.	1	1	0	0	5	0	0	
Northcote	1	1	0	0	4	1	2	
Brighton	1	1	0	0	4	1	2	
Ringwood	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	
Box Hill	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	
Sunshine Utd.	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	
Preston	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	
Sand'ham City	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	
Park Rangers	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	
South Yarra	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	

Under 14 Division—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			P.
					F.	A.	P.	
S'shine United	1	1	0	0	10	0	2	
Coburg	1	1	0	0	10	1	2	
West. Subs.	1	1	0	0	8	1	2	
S. Melb. Utd.	1	1	0	0	7	1	2	
Box Hill	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	
Metters	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	
Sand'ham City	1	0	0	1	1	7	0	
Preston	1	0	0	1	1	8	0	
Highbury N.F.	1	0	0	1	1	10	0	
Brighton	1	0	0	1	0	10	0	